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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 18.

Identification of prior art discussed: n/a.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner agreed with the applicant's proposed amendment which is herein attached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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In re U.S. Patent Application of: Herath, Jeffrey Alan)
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For: Data Compression System And Method)
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RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENT TO CORRECT INFORMALITIES

In response to the Official Action mailed on March 27, 2007, the Applicant herein submits the following Response.

In the Specification

Applicant notes the examiner's objection to an informality in the disclosure and provides that page 1, line 4 should read "U.S. Patent No. 6,661,845" wherein the numerals are intended to replace the repeated "X" characters found in the specification as filed.

In the Claims

Applicant notes the examiner's objections to Claims 1 - 10 due to informalities and has provided, as an attachment, a corrected set of claims. By inserting a phrase at the conclusion of the fifth limitation of Claim 1, which limitation begins with the words "adjusting the variable length...", Applicant believes that he has overcome the

examiner's objection. As shown in the attachment, that limitation will now read: "adjusting the variable length of each variable compression ratio, variable length data packet to the determined fixed length by adding a group of data bytes to the variable compression ratio, variable length data packet in order to form a variable compression ratio, fixed length data packet." Applicant believes that so modifying the fifth limitation will satisfy the examiner's concerns with regard to Claim 1 and therefore, by extension, to the examiner's objections to Claims 2-9 which all depend from Claim 1.

Additionally, although no objections were made to Claims 11-22, in careful review of the instant application in preparation of this Response, Applicant discovered an additional informality in Claim 18, which, if corrected, would resolve a typographical error whereby the word "to" was inadvertently omitted from the third limitation of Claim 18. Correction is provided as part of the attached corrected Claims. The relevant portion of the corrected third limitation provides "...adding null set data bytes to the at least one variable..."

In the Drawings

Although no objections were made to the drawings, in careful review of the instant application in preparation of this Response, Applicant discovered an inadvertent typographical error which appears to result in an additional informality with regard to Figure 1. As consistently referred to in the disclosure, reference numeral 160 properly refers to a "Packet Encoding Processor." Applicant has attached a Replacement Drawing for Figure 1 wherein this proper term is associated with reference numeral 160.

By the above, the Applicant has provided a timely response to the outstanding Official Action of March 27, 2007. Applicant further notes that prosecution has been closed on the merits by the examiner who has found this application to be in condition for allowance except for the above matters. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests favorable examination of the present application and that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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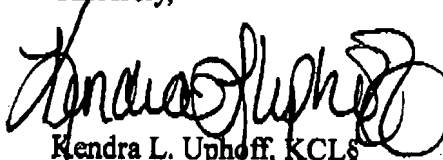
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Dear Examiner Phu:

Pursuant to Mr. Clement's request I am attaching a draft Response with Amendment to Correct Informalities for purposes of a telephonic interview scheduled for the morning of May 16, 2007.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached directly at (502) 568-5488.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure